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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk and Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: 2022-\_\_\_-T Application of Gamecock Moving, LLC to Amend its Existing Tariff and for Approval of a Low Country and PeeDee Tariff.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Gamecock Moving requests to amend its tariff last approved by the Commission in Order No. 2021-678, Docket No. 2021-232-T, and establish a new Low Country and PeeDee Tariff.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TARIFFS**

Under the application, Gamecock's existing tariff would become a Midlands and Upstate tariff. This tariff would apply to moves originating in to moves originating in Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and York counties. Most moves under this tariff will originate in Richland and Lexington counties and will be handled by Gamecock Moving's Columbia office.

The Low Country and PeeDee Tariff would apply to moves originating in Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, Dorchester, Charleston, Berkeley, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Horry, Florence, Marion, Dillon, and Marlboro counties. Most moves under this tariff will originate in the Most of the moves under this tariff will originate in the Charleston, Berkley, and Dorchester tri-county area, and will be handled by Gamecock Moving's Charleston office.

A summary of the proposed changes is set out below.

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	CHARLESTON
Hourly Rates and			
Charges			
Weekday Hourly			
Rates (Monday-			
Thursday):			

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	EXISTING	PROPOSED	CHARLESTON
1 mover 1 truck		\$50 per hr.	\$60 per hr.
2 movers 1 truck	\$110 per hr.	\$110 per hr.	\$120 per hr.
3 movers 1 truck	\$140 per hr.	\$140 per hr.	\$160 per hr.
4 movers 1 truck	\$175 per hr.	\$170 per hr.	\$200 per hr.
*each additional	\$30 per hr.	\$30 per hr.	\$40 per hr.
mover			
each additional truck	\$50 per hr.	\$50 per hr.	\$60
Weekend Hourly			
Rates (Friday-			
Sunday):		Φ50 1	ΦCO 1
1 man 1 truck	¢1101	\$50 per hr.	\$60 per hr.
2 movers 1 truck 3 movers 1 truck	\$110 per hr.	\$120 per hr.	\$130 per hr.
	\$140 per hr.	\$150 per hr.	\$170 per hr.
4 movers 1 truck	\$170 per hr.	\$180 per hr.	\$210 per hr.
*each additional mover	\$30 per hr.	\$30 per hr.	\$40 per hr.
each additional truck	\$50 per hr.	\$50 per hr.	\$60 per hr.
Flat Fee Jobs			
		\$150 flat fee for	\$150 flat fee for
		small deliveries - (1-	small deliveries - (1-
		5 items, weighing up	5 items, weighing up
		to 500 lbs. total)	to 500 lbs. total)
		within Richland,	within Charleston,
		Lexington, and	Dorchester and
		Sumter counties.	Berkeley counties.
		\$250 flat fee for	\$250 flat fee for
		small/medium	small/medium
		deliveries - (1-5	deliveries - (1-5
		items, weighing 500-	items, weighing 500-
		700 lbs. total; or for	700 lbs. total; or for
		6-10 items weighing	6-10 items weighing
		up to 700 lbs.) within	up to 700 lbs.) within
		Richland, Lexington,	Charleston,
		and Sumter	Dorchester, and
		counties.	Berkeley counties.

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	EXISTING	PROPOSED	CHARLESTON
Travel Fees	\$1.50 per mile per	\$1.50 per mile per	\$2.00 per mile per
	truck, round trip to	truck, round trip to	truck, round trip to
	truck lot.	truck lot.	truck lot
Items weighing more	\$100	\$100	\$200
than 300 lbs.			
Discounts	100/ 1	100/ 1' 11	100/ 11 MIGG
	10% discount to all	10% discount to all	10% to all MUSC,
	Prisma Health	Prisma Health,	Roper, and Bon
	employees (only valid with a current	Providence Health, USC School of	Secours St. Francis
			employees (only valid with a current
	employee ID);	Medicine and Lexington Medical	employee ID);
		Center employees	cimpioyee ii),
		(only valid with a	
		current employee	
		ID);	
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Appendix A			
Boxes	\$3 per box	\$3 per box	\$3 per box
Wardrobe Box	\$25 per box	\$25 per box	\$25 per box
Brown Packing Paper	\$10 per box	\$10 per roll	\$10 per roll
Bubble Wrap	\$15 per box	\$15 per roll	\$15 per roll
Tape	\$5 per roll	\$5 per roll	\$5 per roll
Shrink Wrap	\$20 per roll	\$20 per roll	\$20 per roll
Mattress Bag	\$10 per bag	\$15 per bag	\$15 per bag
Mirror Carton Box	\$5 per carton	\$5 per carton	\$5 per carton
Paper Pads	\$5 per pad	\$10 per pad	\$10 per pad
Wine/Bottle Boxes	\$10 per box	\$10 per box	\$10 per box
TV Boxes	\$25 per box	\$25 per box	\$25 per box
Tall Boxes	\$5 per box	\$5 per box	\$5 per box
Picture Boxes	\$15 per box	\$15 per box	\$15 per box
Moving Blankets	\$10 per pad	\$10 per pad	\$10 per pad
Lamp Box		\$15 per box	\$15 per box
Items not listed	Market plus 25%	Market plus 25%	Market plus 25%

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#### **JUSTIFICATION**

Gamecock Moving's requested tariff increases are needed to meet increased labor, material, and fuel costs. The labor market has become highly competitive. Nationally, the inflation rate in January 2022 was 7.48% compared to 1.40% a year ago. Diesel fuel has risen over \$1.00 per gallon between February of 2021 and 2022, and gasoline is up \$.90 per gallon over the same period. South Carolina's unemployment rate in December of 2021 was 3.5%, down from 6.1% a year earlier. The Charleston tri-county unemployment rate was 2.9% in December 2021, compared to 5.6% a year earlier. In this environment, Gamecock Moving must pay higher wages to stay competitive. Prices are rising as well. The All Items CPI-U for the South advanced 7.8 percent for the 12 months ending in January 2021. The higher rates for the Low Country and PeeDee tariffs are needed to meet higher operating costs in the Charleston market and are also based on the area's strong demand for moving services.

### REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Gamecock Moving respectfully requests the Commission waive notice by publication of this application. The Commission's Docket Management System and its daily emails to interested parties provide adequate notice of this application to any interested party. The expense of notice by publication outweighs its benefits. Moreover, waiver of notice by publication is expressly allowed by the Commission's regulations. S.C. Code Reg.§ 103-193(2).

InflationData.com
<a href="https://inflationdata.com/Inflation/Inflation-Rate/CurrentInflation.asp?reloaded=true">https://inflationdata.com/Inflation/Inflation Rate/CurrentInflation.asp?reloaded=true</a>

Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Update, U.S. Energy Information Administration, https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/

Snapshot, A Monthly Update of the Fifth District Economy, February 2022, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

 $https://www.richmondfed.org/\sim/media/richmondfedorg/research/regional\_economy/reports/snapshot/pdf/snapshot/sc.pdf$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Charleston, SC, Area Economic Summary, February 2022, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. https://www.bls.gov/regions/southeast/summary/blssummary\_charleston\_sc.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Consumer Price Index, South Region — January 2022, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, <a href="https://www.bls.gov/regions/southeast/news-release/consumerpriceindex\_south.htm">https://www.bls.gov/regions/southeast/news-release/consumerpriceindex\_south.htm</a>.

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Thank you for your consideration.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

s/ Charlie Terreni

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